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REFTEL ROME 4602

FOR PAARLBERG FROM AMBASSADOR EDWIN MARTIN

1. PROS AND CONS ON PROPOSAL FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
FUND TO CHANNEL ARAB OIL MONEY TO LDCS TO COMPENSATE AT
LEAST IN PART FOR HIGHER OIL PRICES THEY MUST PAY ARE WELL
SET OUT IN REFTEL.

2. ONLY IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL FACTOR IS THAT DEPARTMENT
NOW HAS KNOWLEDGE OF TEN OTHER PROPOSALS BY ARAB COUNTRIES
OR BY INFORMAL OR FORMAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
DESIGNED TO USE ARAB CAPITAL IN WHOLE OR IN MAJOR PART
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TO ACHIEVE LARGELY SAME OBJECTIVES. SO FAR, NONE HAS GONE BEYOND TALK STAGE.

3. SUGGEST THAT AT THIS POINT WE SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE IDEA OF AGRICULTURAL FUND, POINTING OUT POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS TO IT, INCLUDING POINTS MADE IN PARA 4 REFTTEL, AND STRESSING OUR PREFERENCE FOR 1) FUNDS WITH BROADER PURPOSES, AS ALL NEEDY COUNTRIES MAY NOT PLACE SAME PRIORITY ON AID TO AGRICULTURE, AND 2) USING EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS TO SAVE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND BENEFIT FROM EXISTING EXPERIENCE.

3. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT NOW EXPRESS A WHOLLY NEGATIVE US POSITION AS ALTERNATIVES MAY NOT BE ADOPTED AND THIS ONE MAY BE. RUSH

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